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SUBJECT: CCMS: FOLLOW-UP - NEW INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT
FOLLOW-UP PAPER

REF: A. USNATO 945

B. AC/274-D/39 (REVISED, DATED MARCH 8, 1974)

SUMMARY: SECRETARIAT (IS) HAS ISSUED REVISED CCMS FOLLOW-UP PAPER WHICH WE REGARD AS SERVICEABLE PIECE OF WORK, REPRESENTING BASICALLY POSITIVE CONSENSUS EVIDENT AT FEBRUARY 19 MEETING AT NATO ON SUBJECT. IS HAS REQUESTED NATIONAL COMMENTS ON PRESENT DRAFT BY MARCH 25 IN PREPARATION FOR FINAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PAPER APRIL 5. WE RECOMMEND US ACCEPT PRESENT PAPER ESSENTIALLY AS IT STANDS. PLEASE ADVISE. END SUMMARY.

1. PURSUANT TO MEETING HELD AT NATO FEBRUARY 19 ON CCMS FOLLOW-UP (REF A), SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED REVISED DRAFT PAPER (REF B) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THAT MEETING. MISSION HAS POUCHED NEW PAPER TO RPM/SCHOLLAERT AND EPA/HODSOLL.

2. IN MISSION VIEW, REVISED PAPER (REF B) EXPRESSES BASIC UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSENSUS EVIDENT AT FEBRUARY 19 MEETING IN FAVOR OF POSITIVE CCMS FOLLOW-UP EFFORT AND IS WORKABLE COMPROMISE ON SUCH MINOR POINTS AS WERE AT ISSUE. WE BELIEVE PROCEDURE THUS ENVISAGED ADEQUATELY MEETS US GOAL OF SERIOUS, EFFECTIVE CCMS

FOLLOW-UP AT LEVEL WHICH CAN COMMAND GENERAL ALLIED SUPPORT.

3. SOME ALLIED DISSATISFACTION REMAINS ON FORMULATION OF PARA 8 IN PRESENT DRAFT (REF B). MAIN DISAGREEMENT AT THIS STAGE IS BETWEEN BELGIUM, WHICH FAVORS FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF CCMS RECOMMENDATIONS BY A SPECIALLY CONVENED GROUP OF RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL "DELEGATES", RATHER THAN BY MERE NATIONAL EXPERTS WHOSE VIEWS WOULD NOT SIGNIFY ANY GOVERNMENT POSITIONS; AND FRANCE, WHICH DISTRUSTS THE IDEA OF SEEMING TO CONFER DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY UPON A QUASI-AUTONOMOUS BODY SOMEWHAT OUTSIDE THE ACTUAL CCMS FRAMEWORK (AS EVIDENTLY SOUGHT BY BELGIUM) AND PREFERS TO LINK DELIBERATIONS OF SUCH A GROUPING CLEARLY TO CCMS IN A MORE AD HOC ADVISORY CAPACITY. FRANCE IS ALSO LEERY OF ENCOURAGING OR ATTACHING UNDUE WEIGHT TO FREE-WHEELING, UNINSTRUCTED DISCUSSION BY CCMS ITSELF ON FOLLOW-UP (AS IT BELIEVES IS IMPLIED BY PRESENT PARA 8) AND INSISTS THAT ANY SUCH DISCUSSION IN CCMS BE PLANNED AND CAREFULLY PREPARED.

4. IN MISSION VIEW A REWRITE OF SENTENCES 2 AND 3 OF PARA 8, AS FOLLOWS, MIGHT SIMPLIFY ABOVE MATTERS:

BEGIN TEXT: FOR EXAMPLE, THE PILOT OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE COUNTRY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CCMS SECRETARIAT, MIGHT ORGANIZE A MEETING OF EXPERT REPRESENTATIVES FROM INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES, TO REVIEW PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION BY CCMS. ALTERNATIVELY, THE FOLLOW-UP WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE OR REMAINS TO BE DONE WITH RESPECT TO A PARTICULAR RESOLUTION OR RECOMMENDATION COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A DISCUSSION ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE ON THE PART OF CCMS ITSELF DURING APLENARY SESSION.

END TEXT.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE IN PAPER'S PARAS 9 AND UNCLASSIFIED

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10 UNDER SECTION III, AND IN OUR REWRITE OF PAPER'S PARA 8, (IN PARA 4 ABOVE) REFERENCES TO "THE PILOT OR OTHER COUNTRY NAMED RESPONSIBLE," INSTEAD OF ONLY TO THE PILOT COUNTRY. THIS LANGUAGE IS INTENDED BY SECRETARIAT TO ACCOMMODATE POSSIBLE SHIFT OF FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY FROM PILOT TO ANOTHER COUNTRY IN SPECIFIC, AGREED INSTANCES, AS IN CASE OF INFORMAL STEERING GROUP WITH ROTATING ANNUAL CHAIRMANSHIP WHICH IS INTENDED TO OVERSEE FOLLOW-UP ON ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. WE BELIEVE THIS NEW WORDING IS SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE FOR THE PURPOSE, YET IT WOULD NOT ENABLE A PILOT COUNTRY TO DODGE RESPONSIBILITY IN CASES WHERE NO PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR AGREED ALTERNATIVE

LEADERSHIP.

6. OZDAS IS PLANNING ANOTHER, FINAL MEETING AT NATO ON APRIL 5 TO DISCUSS THE PRESENT DRAFT. WE EXPECT VARIOUS MINOR DRAFTING CHANGES TO BE OFFERED BUT NOTHING OF REAL SUBSTANCE, APART FROM POINTS COVERED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. WE RECOMMEND MISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT PAPER ESSENTIALLY AS IT STANDS, SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE MINOR MODIFICATION ALONG LINES OUR REWRITE OF PAPER'S PARA 8. REQUEST COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE BEFORE MARCH 25 DEADLINE AT NATO. RUMSFELD

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